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	PERCENT CHANGE - ALL ITEMS INDEX	
	JANUARY 06/JANUARY 05	JANUARY 06/ DECEMBER 05
MANITOBA	2.2	0.4
CANADA	2.8	0.5

The Manitoba all items index rose 2.2% in January 2006 compared with January 2005, up from the December annual rate of 1.3%. Canada's annual rate of price increase in January was 2.8%, up from its December rate of 2.2%.

Chart 1 presents a summary of price changes for Manitoba and Canada over the last two years. The method of calculation shown in Chart 1 is the most widely used, and is often referred to by the media as the **"inflation rate"**. It is based on the percent change between the current month and the same month the previous year.

Manitoba's annual inflation rate of 2.2% in January was third lowest among the provinces. Alberta recorded the highest increase at 4.1% while British Columbia recorded the second lowest rate at 1.6%. The Winnipeg all items index was 2.2% in January, up from an annual rate of 1.3% in December.

Between January 2005 and January 2006, Manitoba saw lower prices for recreational equipment & services (excluding vehicles), women's clothing, home entertainment equipment & services, furniture, fresh or frozen beef, men's clothing as well as other cereal grains & cereal products. These declines were more than offset by higher prices for gasoline, purchase and leasing of automotive vehicles, natural gas, replacement cost, food purchased from restaurants, automotive vehicle parts, maintenance and repairs, as well as homeowners' insurance premiums.

On a monthly basis, the Manitoba all-items index rose 0.4% in January, after falling by 0.3% in December. Prices were lower last month for travel tours, fresh or frozen beef, recreational equipment & services (excluding vehicles), bakery products, inter-city transportation, women's clothing, and other cereal grains & cereal products. These declines were offset by increases in gasoline, fresh vegetables, homeowners' maintenance & repairs, pet food and supplies, household chemical products, personal care supplies & equipment and non-alcoholic beverages. Overall, prices at the national level rose by 0.5% in January, after falling by 0.1% in December.

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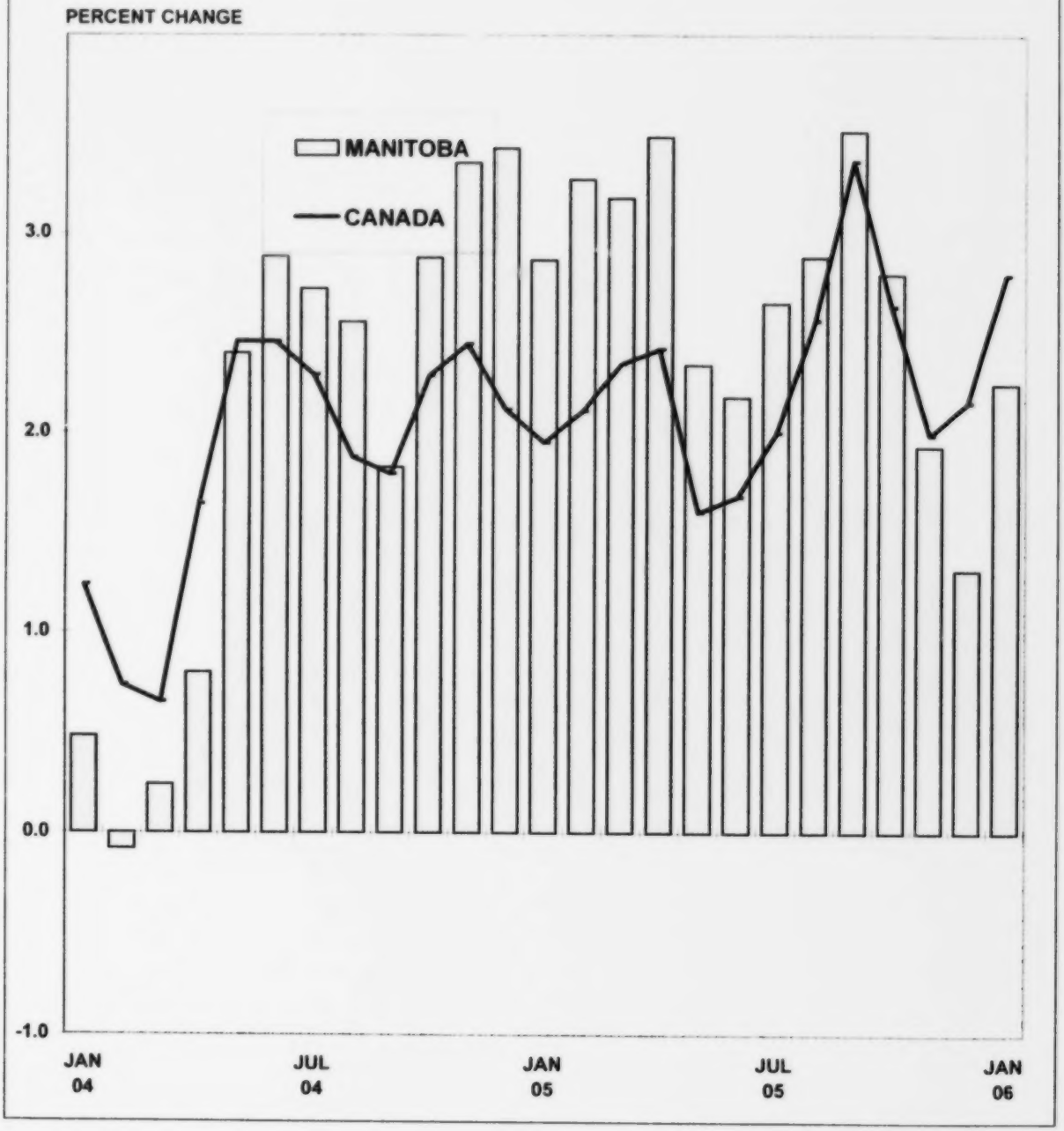
MANITOBA AND CANADA



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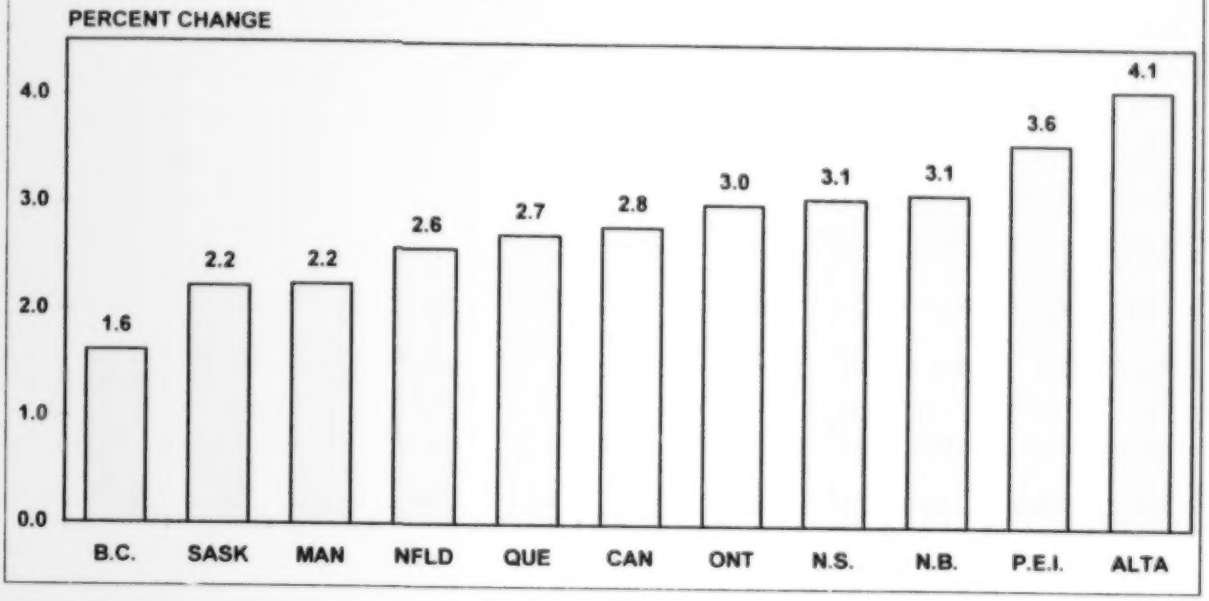

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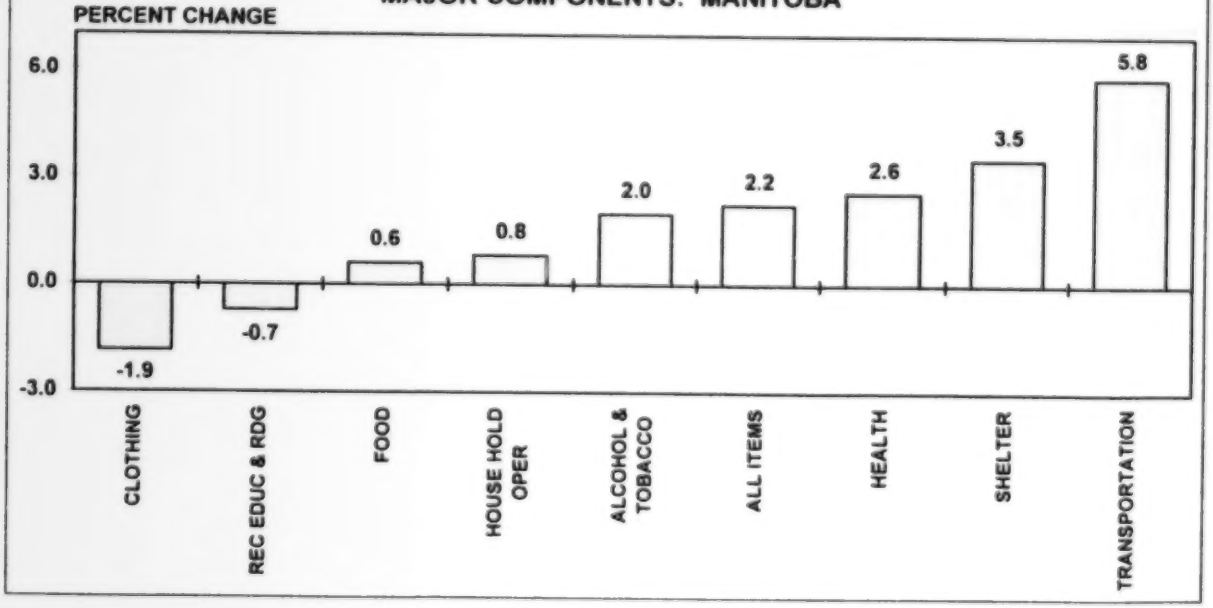

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TABLE 1: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR JANUARY 2006

(1992 = 100)

	MANITOBA					CANADA				
	JAN 06	DEC 05	PERCENT CHANGE	JAN 05	PERCENT CHANGE	JAN 06	DEC 05	PERCENT CHANGE	JAN 05	PERCENT CHANGE
MAIN COMPONENTS										
ALL ITEMS	132.1	131.6	0.4	129.2	2.2	128.8	128.1	0.5	125.3	2.8
FOOD	133.2	133.3	-0.1	132.4	0.6	130.4	129.3	0.9	126.8	2.8
SHELTER	129.2	128.6	0.5	124.8	3.5	127.2	125.7	1.2	122.4	3.9
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	124.4	123.1	1.1	123.4	0.8	116.4	116.2	0.2	115.3	1.0
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	111.2	110.2	0.9	113.3	-1.9	99.0	100.4	-1.4	100.0	-1.0
TRANSPORTATION	151.0	149.7	0.9	142.7	5.8	154.2	152.1	1.4	146.3	5.4
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	127.0	126.2	0.6	123.8	2.6	121.3	121.5	-0.2	119.0	1.9
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	123.9	124.8	-0.7	124.8	-0.7	125.2	126.6	-1.1	125.5	-0.2
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	154.1	154.1	0.0	151.1	2.0	148.3	147.5	0.5	145.1	2.2
SPECIAL AGGREGATES										
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD	131.9	131.2	0.5	128.5	2.6	128.6	127.9	0.5	125.1	2.8
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD AND ENERGY	128.3	127.9	0.3	126.4	1.5	124.3	124.5	-0.2	122.6	1.4
ENERGY	166.9	163.5	2.1	148.8	12.2	171.9	162.3	5.9	149.1	15.3
GOODS	128.6	127.9	0.5	125.8	2.2	124.2	122.7	1.2	119.8	3.7
SERVICES	136.0	135.7	0.2	133.0	2.3	134.1	134.1	0.0	131.4	2.1

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TABLE 2: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR JANUARY 2006

(1992 = 100)

	ALL ITEMS					FOOD				
	JAN 06	DEC 05	PERCENT CHANGE	JAN 05	PERCENT CHANGE	JAN 06	DEC 05	PERCENT CHANGE	JAN 05	PERCENT CHANGE
MANITOBA	132.1	131.6	0.4	129.2	2.2	133.2	133.3	-0.1	132.4	0.6
WESTERN PROVINCES										
SASKATCHEWAN	133.5	132.7	0.6	130.6	2.2	124.0	123.5	0.4	125.7	-1.4
ALBERTA	137.1	135.4	1.3	131.7	4.1	128.0	128.2	-0.2	124.8	2.6
BRITISH COLUMBIA	125.6	125.7	-0.1	123.6	1.6	128.0	127.4	0.5	125.6	1.9
EASTERN PROVINCES										
ONTARIO	130.0	129.2	0.6	126.2	3.0	131.5	129.9	1.2	127.3	3.3
QUEBEC	124.9	124.1	0.6	121.6	2.7	133.4	131.7	1.3	128.8	3.6
MARITIME PROVINCES										
NEW BRUNSWICK	129.1	128.5	0.5	125.2	3.1	129.9	128.4	1.2	125.4	3.6
NOVA SCOTIA	130.9	130.9	0.0	127.0	3.1	131.4	130.9	0.4	128.0	2.7
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	129.8	129.4	0.3	125.3	3.6	127.9	127.0	0.7	124.2	3.0
NEWFOUNDLAND/LABRADOR	127.1	126.6	0.4	123.9	2.6	124.4	123.1	1.1	121.1	2.7
* MANITOBA RANK			4		3			2		2

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TABLE 3: PERCENT CHANGE COMPARISONS, MANITOBA AND CANADA

(AS OF JANUARY 2006)

	(1) CHANGE FROM SAME MONTH LAST YEAR		(2) CURRENT ANNUAL RATE OF CHANGE		(3) 12 - MONTH ANNUAL RATE	
MAIN COMPONENTS	MANITOBA	CANADA	MANITOBA	CANADA	MANITOBA	CANADA
ALL ITEMS	2.2	2.8	-0.6	0.9	2.6	2.3
FOOD	0.6	2.8	-1.2	8.7	2.2	2.5
SHELTER	3.5	3.9	3.5	3.9	3.8	3.2
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	0.8	1.0	4.6	2.4	0.9	0.6
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	-1.9	-1.0	-13.5	-19.4	0.6	-0.4
TRANSPORTATION	5.8	5.4	-1.8	2.4	5.4	4.3
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	2.6	1.9	1.3	0.3	1.7	1.8
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	-0.7	-0.2	-5.6	-8.5	-0.4	-0.3
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	2.0	2.2	1.3	1.1	2.2	2.6
SPECIAL AGGREGATES						
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD	2.6	2.8	-0.3	-0.3	2.7	2.3
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD AND ENERGY	1.5	1.4	3.5	0.6	1.6	1.4
ENERGY	12.2	15.3	-24.2	-8.6	11.8	10.3
GOODS	2.2	3.7	-3.3	1.3	2.8	2.5
SERVICES	2.3	2.1	2.4	0.9	2.5	2.2

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TABLE 4: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR JANUARY 2006: ALL ITEMS

(1992 = 100)

	JAN 06	DEC 05	PERCENT CHANGE	(1) CHANGE FROM SAME MONTH LAST YEAR	(2) 12 - MONTH ANNUAL RATE
WINNIPEG	132.1	131.6	0.4	2.2	2.6
WESTERN CITIES					
REGINA	134.1	133.5	0.4	2.1	2.1
SASKATOON	132.8	131.9	0.7	2.3	2.3
CALGARY	138.3	136.5	1.3	4.4	2.3
EDMONTON	134.8	133.3	1.1	3.6	2.3
VANCOUVER	126.0	126.1	-0.1	1.4	1.8
VICTORIA	125.9	126.1	-0.2	1.9	2.2
EASTERN CITIES					
THUNDER BAY	127.2	126.4	0.6	2.7	1.8
TORONTO	130.1	129.5	0.5	2.8	2.0
OTTAWA	131.7	131.0	0.5	3.0	2.4
MONTREAL	124.9	124.1	0.6	2.7	2.3
QUEBEC	125.6	124.8	0.6	2.7	2.3
MARITIME CITIES					
SAINT JOHN, N.B.	128.6	128.0	0.5	3.1	2.5
HALIFAX	129.3	129.3	0.0	2.8	2.5
CHARLOTTETOWN	128.5	128.1	0.3	3.4	3.0
ST. JOHN'S, NFLD	126.7	126.3	0.3	2.4	2.5
* WINNIPEG RANK (OUT OF 16 CITIES)			6	4	15

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	PERCENT CHANGE - ALL ITEMS INDEX	
	FEBRUARY 06/FEBRUARY 05	FEBRUARY 06/ JANUARY 06
MANITOBA	1.9	-0.2
CANADA	2.2	-0.2

The Manitoba all items index rose 1.9% in February 2006 compared with February 2005, down from the January annual rate of 2.2%. Canada's annual rate of price increase in February was 2.2%, down from its January rate of 2.8%.

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Between February 2005 and February 2006, Manitoba saw lower prices for women's clothing, recreational equipment & services (excluding vehicles), home entertainment equipment & services, men's clothing, fresh or frozen pork, purchase & operation of recreational vehicles as well as furniture. These declines were more than offset by higher prices for the purchase and leasing of automotive vehicles, natural gas, food purchased from restaurants, replacement cost, gasoline, dairy products as well as bakery products.

On a monthly basis, the Manitoba all-items index fell 0.2% in February, after rising by 0.4% in January. Prices were lower last month for gasoline, fresh fruit, pet food and supplies, non-alcoholic beverages, fresh vegetables, household chemical products and children's clothing. These declines were offset by increases in travel tours, women's clothing, bakery products, fresh or frozen beef, furniture, processed meat, and other cereal grains & cereal products. Overall, prices at the national level fell by 0.2% in February, after rising by 0.5% in January.

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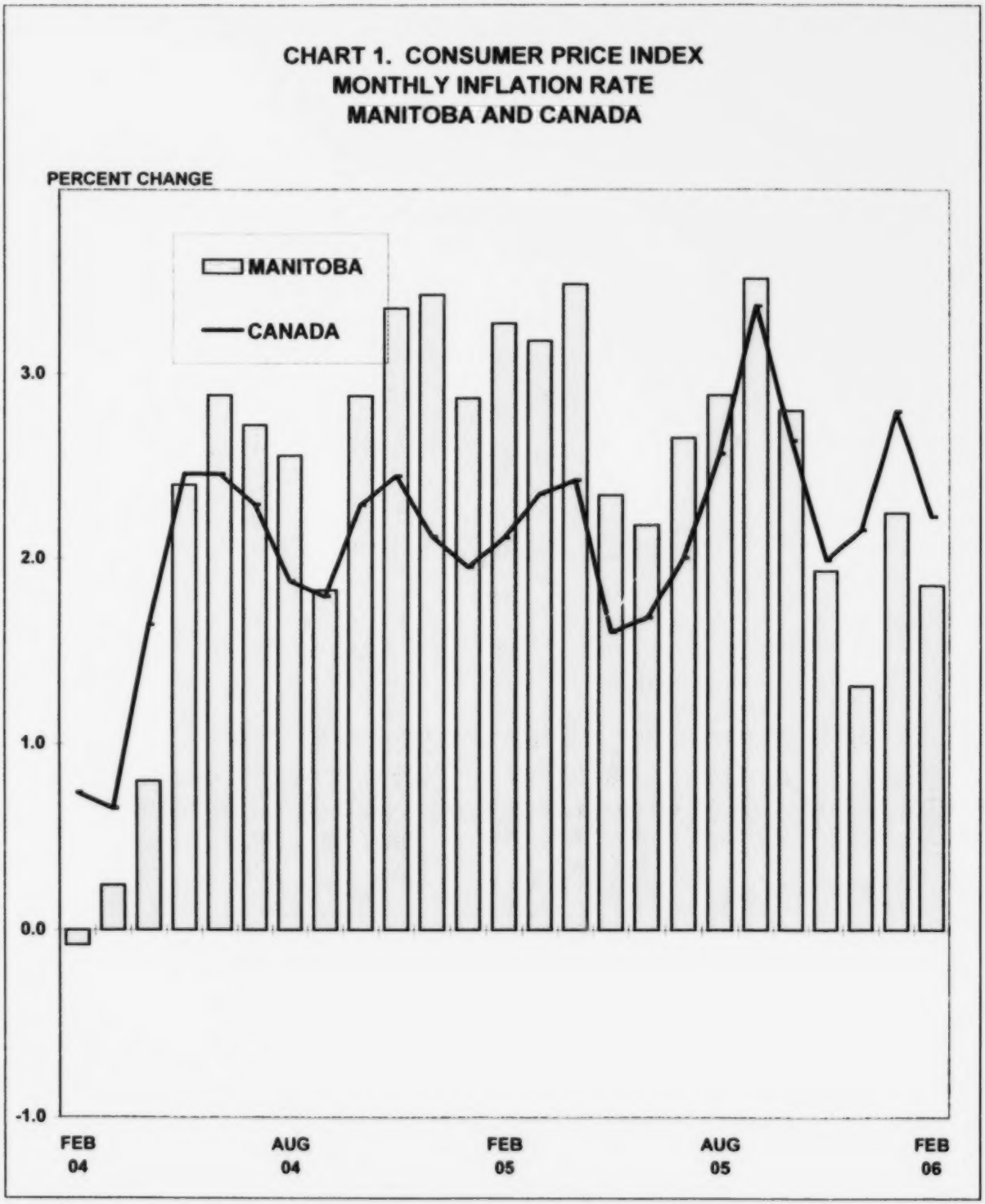

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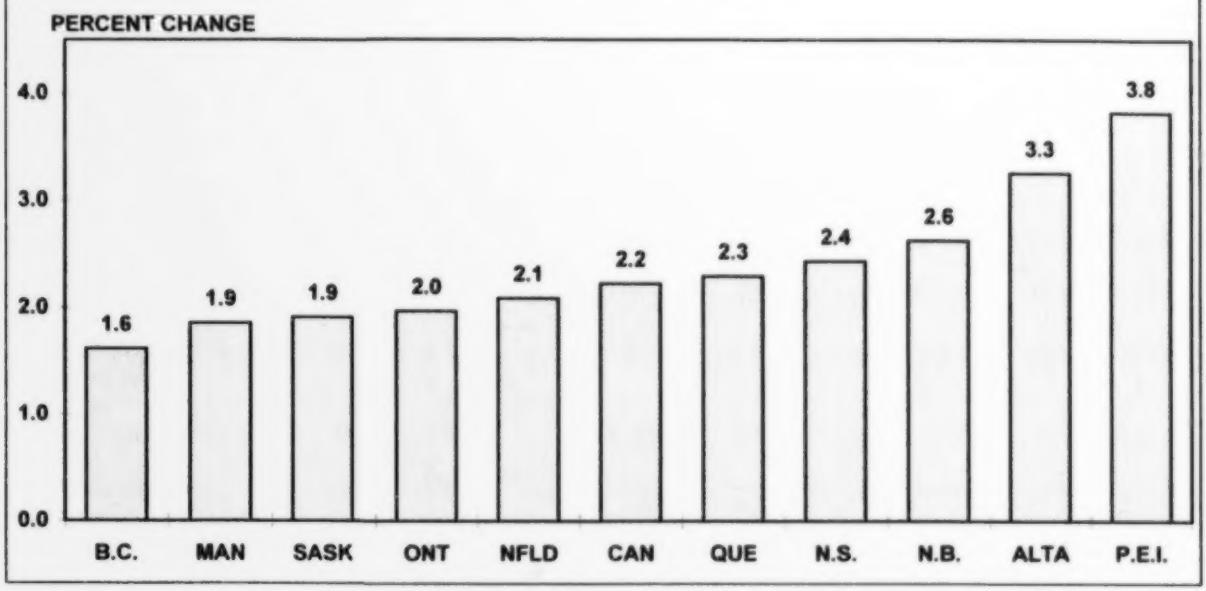

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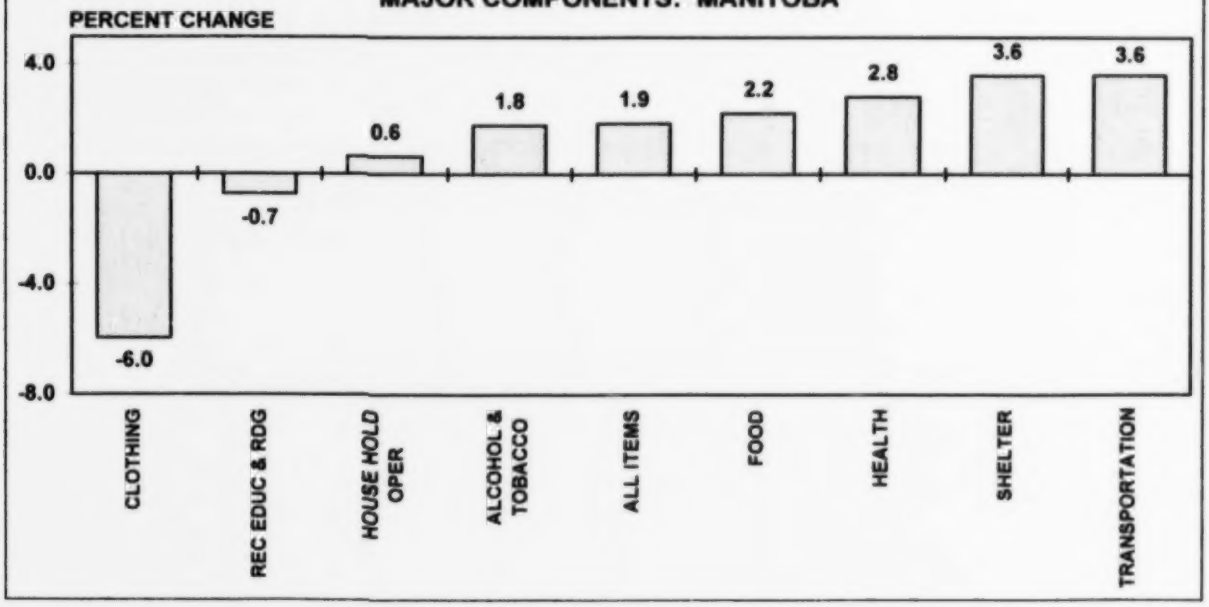

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TABLE 1: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR FEBRUARY 2006

(1992 = 100)

	MANITOBA					CANADA				
	FEB 06	JAN 06	PERCENT CHANGE	FEB 05	PERCENT CHANGE	FEB 06	JAN 06	PERCENT CHANGE	FEB 05	PERCENT CHANGE
MAIN COMPONENTS:										
ALL ITEMS	131.9	132.1	-0.2	129.5	1.9	128.6	128.8	-0.2	125.8	2.2
FOOD	133.3	133.2	0.1	130.4	2.2	130.2	130.4	-0.2	126.6	2.8
SHELTER	129.5	129.2	0.2	125.0	3.6	127.1	127.2	-0.1	122.6	3.7
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	124.0	124.4	-0.3	123.2	0.6	116.6	116.4	0.2	115.5	1.0
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	112.0	111.2	0.7	119.1	-6.0	100.4	99.0	1.4	103.0	-2.5
TRANSPORTATION	148.9	151.0	-1.4	143.7	3.6	151.5	154.2	-1.8	147.0	3.1
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	127.6	127.0	0.5	124.1	2.8	121.7	121.3	0.3	119.7	1.7
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	124.5	123.9	0.5	125.4	-0.7	125.9	125.2	0.6	126.3	-0.3
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	154.0	154.1	-0.1	151.3	1.8	148.9	148.3	0.4	145.2	2.5
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:										
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD	131.6	131.9	-0.2	129.3	1.8	128.3	128.6	-0.2	125.7	2.1
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD AND ENERGY	128.5	128.3	0.2	126.9	1.3	124.7	124.3	0.3	123.0	1.4
ENERGY	161.4	166.9	-3.3	152.4	5.9	164.7	171.9	-4.2	152.3	8.1
GOODS	127.9	128.6	-0.5	126.1	1.4	123.2	124.2	-0.8	120.5	2.2
SERVICES	136.3	136.0	0.2	133.3	2.3	134.5	134.1	0.3	131.7	2.1

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(1992 = 100)

	ALL ITEMS					FOOD				
	FEB 06	JAN 06	PERCENT CHANGE	FEB 05	PERCENT CHANGE	FEB 06	JAN 06	PERCENT CHANGE	FEB 05	PERCENT CHANGE
MANITOBA	131.9	132.1	-0.2	129.5	1.9	133.3	133.2	0.1	130.4	2.2
WESTERN PROVINCES										
SASKATCHEWAN	133.4	133.5	-0.1	130.9	1.9	123.9	124.0	-0.1	123.7	0.2
ALBERTA	136.2	137.1	-0.7	131.9	3.3	128.6	128.0	0.5	123.7	4.0
BRITISH COLUMBIA	125.8	125.6	0.2	123.8	1.6	127.2	128.0	-0.6	123.3	3.2
EASTERN PROVINCES										
ONTARIO	129.6	130.0	-0.3	127.1	2.0	131.3	131.5	-0.2	128.0	2.6
QUEBEC	124.8	124.9	-0.1	122.0	2.3	133.0	133.4	-0.3	129.1	3.0
MARITIME PROVINCES										
NEW BRUNSWICK	128.9	129.1	-0.2	125.6	2.6	129.9	129.9	0.0	125.4	3.6
NOVA SCOTIA	130.5	130.9	-0.3	127.4	2.4	131.6	131.4	0.2	128.3	2.6
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	130.4	129.8	0.5	125.6	3.8	129.0	127.9	0.9	123.6	4.4
NEWFOUNDLAND/LABRADOR	127.1	127.1	0.0	124.5	2.1	123.8	124.4	-0.5	120.9	2.4
* MANITOBA RANK			5		2			7		2

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TABLE 3: PERCENT CHANGE COMPARISONS, MANITOBA AND CANADA

(AS OF FEBRUARY 2006)

	(1) CHANGE FROM SAME MONTH LAST YEAR		(2) CURRENT ANNUAL RATE OF CHANGE		(3) 12 - MONTH ANNUAL RATE	
MAIN COMPONENTS	MANITOBA	CANADA	MANITOBA	CANADA	MANITOBA	CANADA
ALL ITEMS	1.9	2.2	-0.3	1.3	2.5	2.3
FOOD	2.2	2.8	2.7	5.7	2.2	2.5
SHELTER	3.6	3.7	3.1	3.2	3.8	3.3
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	0.6	1.0	-0.3	1.4	0.9	0.6
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	-6.0	-2.5	1.1	-5.4	-0.4	-0.5
TRANSPORTATION	3.6	3.1	-6.4	-1.8	5.1	4.2
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	2.8	1.7	0.9	0.0	1.9	1.8
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	-0.7	-0.3	-1.9	-3.7	-0.5	-0.3
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	1.8	2.5	0.0	1.6	1.9	2.6
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:						
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD	1.8	2.1	-0.9	0.0	2.6	2.3
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD AND ENERGY	1.3	1.4	1.3	0.3	1.5	1.4
ENERGY	5.9	8.1	-16.6	-1.0	11.5	10.4
GOODS	1.4	2.2	-3.1	0.3	2.6	2.5
SERVICES	2.3	2.1	2.4	1.5	2.4	2.2

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TABLE 4: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR FEBRUARY 2006: ALL ITEMS

(1992 = 100)

	FEB 06	JAN 06	PERCENT CHANGE	(1) CHANGE FROM SAME MONTH LAST YEAR	(2) 12 - MONTH ANNUAL RATE
WINNIPEG	131.9	132.1	-0.2	1.8	2.5
WESTERN CITIES					
REGINA	134.3	134.1	0.1	2.0	2.0
SASKATOON	132.6	132.8	-0.2	2.0	2.2
CALGARY	137.0	138.3	-0.9	3.2	2.5
EDMONTON	134.2	134.8	-0.4	3.2	2.4
VANCOUVER	126.1	126.0	0.1	1.4	1.7
VICTORIA	126.0	125.9	0.1	1.7	2.1
EASTERN CITIES					
THUNDER BAY	126.7	127.2	-0.4	1.7	1.8
TORONTO	129.8	130.1	-0.2	2.0	2.0
OTTAWA	131.3	131.7	-0.3	1.9	2.3
MONTREAL	124.8	124.9	-0.1	2.4	2.4
QUEBEC	125.5	125.6	-0.1	2.4	2.3
MARITIME CITIES					
SAINT JOHN, N.B.	128.5	128.6	-0.1	2.7	2.5
HALIFAX	129.0	129.3	-0.2	2.3	2.4
CHARLOTTETOWN	129.1	128.5	0.5	3.7	3.1
ST. JOHN'S, NFLD	126.7	126.7	0.0	1.9	2.4
* WINNIPEG RANK (OUT OF 16 CITIES)			7	4	14

DATA SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA

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	PERCENT CHANGE - ALL ITEMS INDEX	
	MARCH 06/MARCH 05	MARCH 06/ FEBRUARY 06
MANITOBA	1.8	0.4
CANADA	2.2	0.5

The Manitoba all items index rose 1.8% in March 2006 compared with March 2005, down from the February annual rate of 1.9%. Canada's annual rate of price increase in March was 2.2%, unchanged from its February rate of 2.2%.

Chart 1 presents a summary of price changes for Manitoba and Canada over the last two years. The method of calculation shown in Chart 1 is the most widely used, and is often referred to by the media as the **"inflation rate"**. It is based on the percent change between the current month and the same month the previous year.

Manitoba's annual inflation rate of 1.8% in March was third lowest among the provinces. Alberta recorded the highest increase at 3.2% while Saskatchewan recorded the lowest rate at 1.7%. The Winnipeg all items index was 1.9% in March, up from an annual rate of 1.8% in February.

Between March 2005 and March 2006, Manitoba saw lower prices for women's clothing, recreational equipment & services (excluding vehicles), home entertainment equipment & services, non-alcoholic beverages, fresh or frozen pork, fresh or frozen beef as well as men's clothing. These declines were more than offset by higher prices for the purchase and leasing of automotive vehicles, gasoline, natural gas, replacement cost, food purchased from restaurants, cigarettes as well as automotive vehicle parts, maintenance and repairs.

On a monthly basis, the Manitoba all-items index rose 0.4% in March, after declining by 0.2% in February. Prices were lower last month for fresh vegetables, fresh or frozen beef, purchase and leasing of automotive vehicles, preserved fruit and fruit preparations, dairy products, fresh or frozen chicken and fresh or frozen pork. These declines were offset by increases in gasoline, cigarettes, pet food and supplies, bakery products, recreational equipment & services (excluding vehicles), replacement cost and footwear. Overall, prices at the national level increased by 0.5% in March, after dropping by 0.2% in February.

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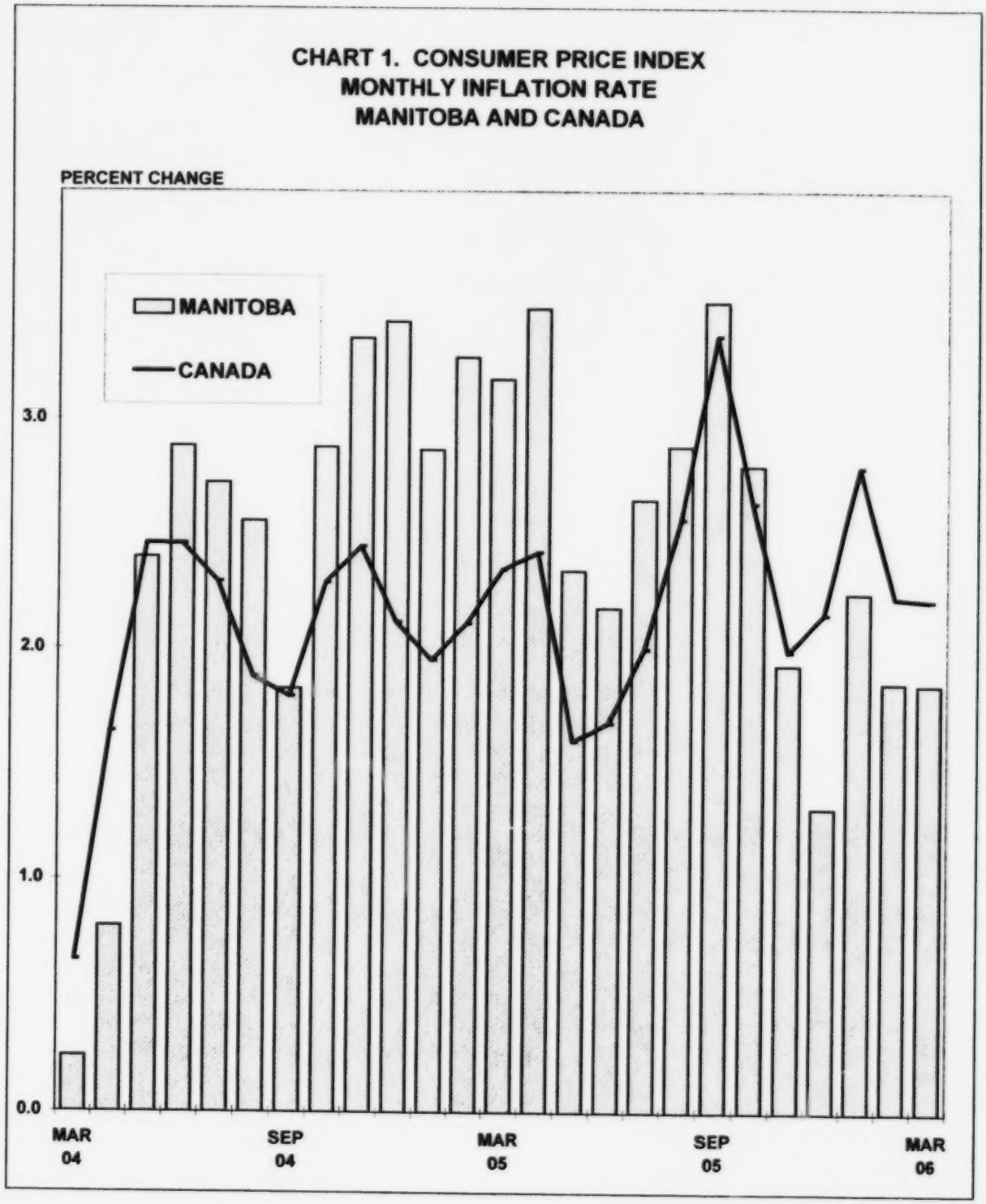

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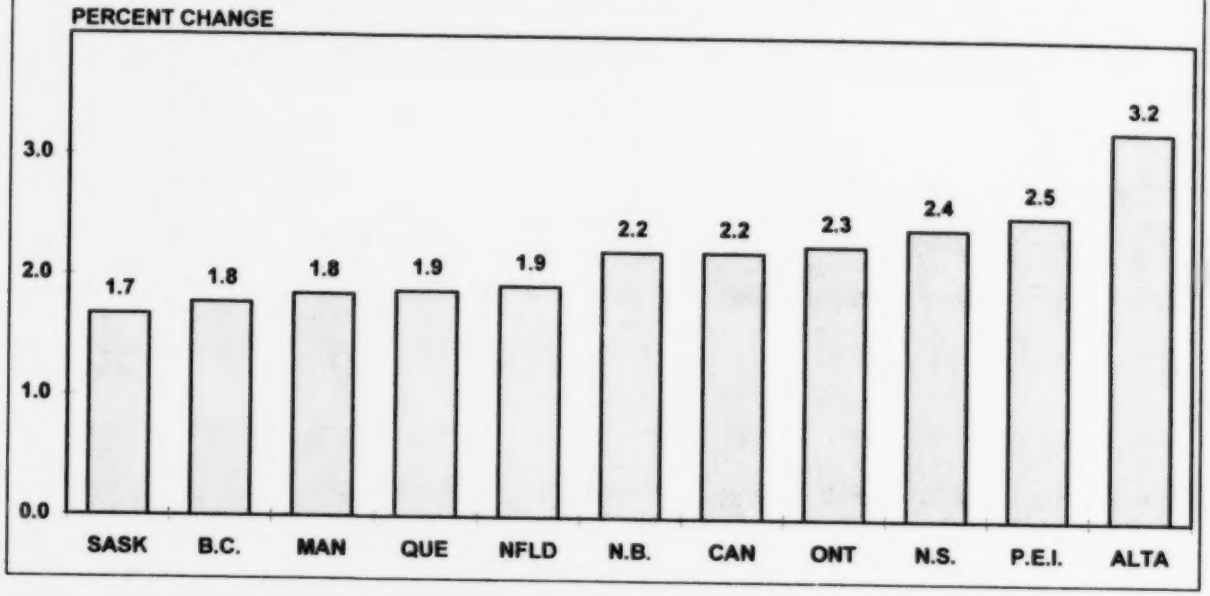

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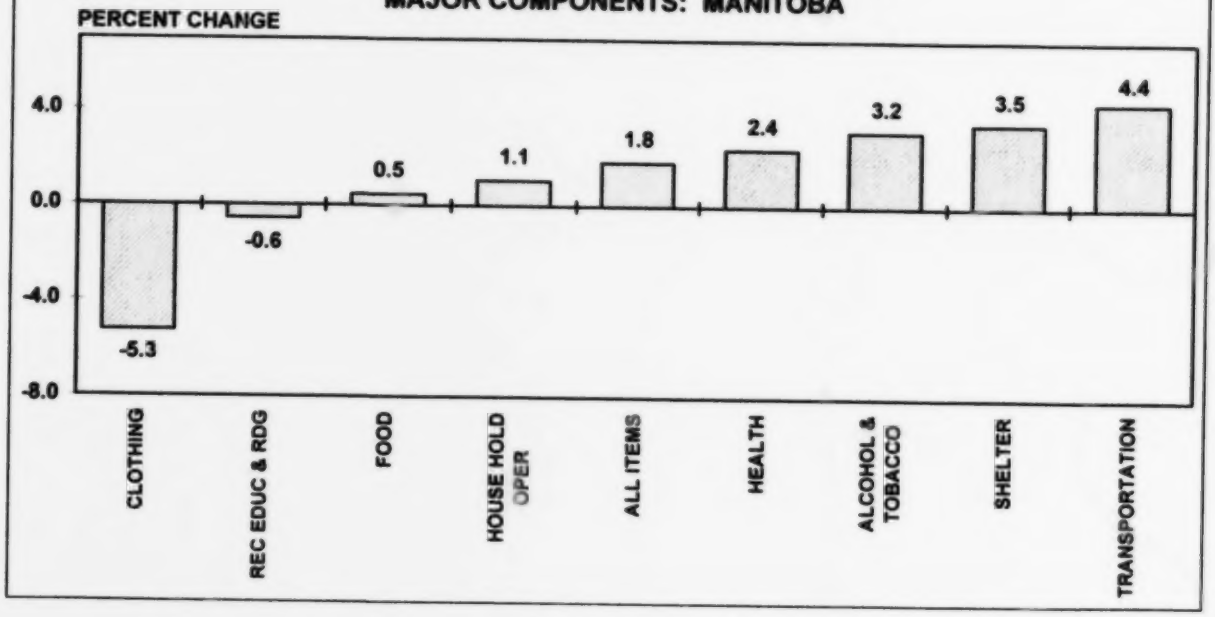

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TABLE 1: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR MARCH 2006

(1992 = 100)

	MANITOBA					CANADA				
	MAR 06	FEB 06	PERCENT CHANGE	MAR 05	PERCENT CHANGE	MAR 06	FEB 06	PERCENT CHANGE	MAR 05	PERCENT CHANGE
MAIN COMPONENTS:										
ALL ITEMS	132.4	131.9	0.4	130.0	1.8	129.3	128.6	0.5	126.5	2.2
FOOD	132.2	133.3	-0.8	131.6	0.5	130.2	130.2	0.0	127.1	2.4
SHELTER	129.6	129.5	0.1	125.2	3.5	127.3	127.1	0.2	123.0	3.5
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	124.2	124.0	0.2	122.9	1.1	116.5	116.6	-0.1	115.7	0.7
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	113.6	112.0	1.4	119.9	-5.3	103.3	100.4	2.9	106.0	-2.5
TRANSPORTATION	151.3	148.9	1.6	144.9	4.4	153.5	151.5	1.3	148.3	3.5
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	127.4	127.6	-0.2	124.4	2.4	121.9	121.7	0.2	120.0	1.6
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	124.8	124.5	0.2	125.5	-0.6	126.6	125.9	0.6	126.8	-0.2
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	155.8	154.0	1.2	151.0	3.2	150.2	148.9	0.9	146.3	2.7
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:										
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD	132.5	131.6	0.7	129.7	2.2	129.1	128.3	0.6	126.5	2.1
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD AND ENERGY	128.8	128.5	0.2	127.0	1.4	125.2	124.7	0.4	123.4	1.5
ENERGY	167.9	161.4	4.0	155.5	8.0	168.5	164.7	2.3	156.9	7.4
GOODS	128.8	127.9	0.7	126.8	1.6	124.1	123.2	0.7	121.8	1.9
SERVICES	136.4	136.3	0.1	133.5	2.2	135.0	134.5	0.4	131.9	2.4

DATA SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA

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TABLE 2: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR MARCH 2006

(1992 = 100)

	ALL ITEMS					FOOD				
	MAR 06	FEB 06	PERCENT CHANGE	MAR 05	PERCENT CHANGE	MAR 06	FEB 06	PERCENT CHANGE	MAR 05	PERCENT CHANGE
MANITOBA	132.4	131.9	0.4	130.0	1.8	132.2	133.3	-0.8	131.6	0.5
WESTERN PROVINCES										
SASKATCHEWAN	133.8	133.4	0.3	131.6	1.7	123.8	123.9	-0.1	124.7	-0.7
ALBERTA	137.0	136.2	0.6	132.7	3.2	127.0	128.6	-1.2	123.8	2.6
BRITISH COLUMBIA	126.3	125.8	0.4	124.1	1.8	126.6	127.2	-0.5	124.5	1.7
EASTERN PROVINCES										
ONTARIO	130.7	129.6	0.8	127.8	2.3	131.7	131.3	0.3	128.4	2.6
QUEBEC	125.2	124.8	0.3	122.9	1.9	133.4	133.0	0.3	129.2	3.3
MARITIME PROVINCES										
NEW BRUNSWICK	129.4	128.9	0.4	126.6	2.2	130.2	129.9	0.2	126.1	3.3
NOVA SCOTIA	131.3	130.5	0.6	128.2	2.4	131.2	131.6	-0.3	128.7	1.9
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	129.9	130.4	-0.4	126.7	2.5	128.2	129.0	-0.6	124.8	2.7
NEWFOUNDLAND/LABRADOR	127.4	127.1	0.2	125.0	1.9	125.7	123.8	1.5	122.7	2.4
* MANITOBA RANK			5		3			2		2

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TABLE 3: PERCENT CHANGE COMPARISONS, MANITOBA AND CANADA

(AS OF MARCH 2006)

	(1) CHANGE FROM SAME MONTH LAST YEAR		(2) CURRENT ANNUAL RATE OF CHANGE		(3) 12 - MONTH ANNUAL RATE	
MAIN COMPONENTS	MANITOBA	CANADA	MANITOBA	CANADA	MANITOBA	CANADA
ALL ITEMS	1.8	2.2	2.5	3.8	2.4	2.3
FOOD	0.5	2.4	-3.3	2.8	1.9	2.5
SHELTER	3.5	3.5	3.1	5.2	3.8	3.3
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	1.1	0.7	3.6	1.0	1.0	0.6
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	-5.3	-2.5	12.9	12.1	-1.0	-0.8
TRANSPORTATION	4.4	3.5	4.3	3.7	4.9	4.2
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	2.4	1.6	3.9	1.3	2.0	1.8
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	-0.6	-0.2	0.0	0.0	-0.5	-0.3
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	3.2	2.7	4.5	7.5	1.8	2.5
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:						
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD	2.2	2.1	4.0	3.8	2.5	2.3
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD AND ENERGY	1.4	1.5	2.8	2.3	1.4	1.4
ENERGY	8.0	7.4	11.2	16.2	11.3	10.2
GOODS	1.6	1.9	2.8	4.6	2.5	2.4
SERVICES	2.2	2.4	2.1	2.7	2.3	2.2

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(3) COMPARES THE AVERAGE OF THE 12 MONTHS ENDING THIS MONTH WITH THE AVERAGE OF THE 12 MONTHS ENDING ONE YEAR EARLIER.

TABLE 4: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR MARCH 2006: ALL ITEMS

(1992 = 100)

	MAR 06	FEB 06	PERCENT CHANGE	(1) CHANGE FROM SAME MONTH LAST YEAR	(2) 12 - MONTH ANNUAL RATE
WINNIPEG	132.5	131.9	0.5	1.9	2.4
WESTERN CITIES					
REGINA	134.7	134.3	0.3	1.7	1.9
SASKATOON	133.0	132.6	0.3	1.8	2.1
CALGARY	137.8	137.0	0.6	3.3	2.6
EDMONTON	134.8	134.2	0.4	2.9	2.5
VANCOUVER	126.8	126.1	0.6	1.6	1.7
VICTORIA	126.4	126.0	0.3	1.7	2.1
EASTERN CITIES					
THUNDER BAY	127.7	126.7	0.8	1.9	1.8
TORONTO	130.8	129.8	0.8	2.0	2.0
OTTAWA	132.3	131.3	0.8	2.1	2.3
MONTREAL	125.2	124.8	0.3	1.9	2.3
QUEBEC	125.9	125.5	0.3	1.9	2.3
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SAINT JOHN, N.B.	129.0	128.5	0.4	2.2	2.5
HALIFAX	129.7	129.0	0.5	2.2	2.4
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ST. JOHN'S, NFLD	126.9	126.7	0.2	1.7	2.3
* WINNIPEG RANK (OUT OF 16 CITIES)			10	8	11

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	PERCENT CHANGE - ALL ITEMS INDEX	
	APRIL 06/APRIL 05	APRIL 06/ MARCH 06
MANITOBA	2.1	0.9
CANADA	2.4	0.5

The Manitoba all items index rose 2.1% in April 2006 compared with April 2005, up from the March annual rate of 1.8%. Canada's annual rate of price increase in April was 2.4%, up from its March rate of 2.2%.

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Between April 2005 and April 2006, Manitoba saw lower prices for women's clothing, recreational equipment & services (excluding vehicles), furniture, men's clothing, footwear, fresh vegetables as well as fresh or frozen pork. These declines were more than offset by higher prices gasoline, purchase and leasing of automotive vehicles, natural gas, replacement cost, food purchased from restaurants, cigarettes as well as automotive vehicle parts, maintenance and repairs.

On a monthly basis, the Manitoba all-items index rose 0.9% in April, after increasing by 0.4% in March. Prices were lower last month for women's clothing, purchase and leasing of automotive vehicles, bakery products, furniture, men's clothing, personal care supplies & equipment and recreational equipment & services (excluding vehicles). These declines were offset by increases in gasoline, food purchased from restaurants, homeowners' maintenance & repairs, inter-city transportation, purchase & operation of recreational vehicles, non-alcoholic beverages and fresh fruit. Overall, prices at the national level increased by 0.5% in April, unchanged from the 0.5% in March.

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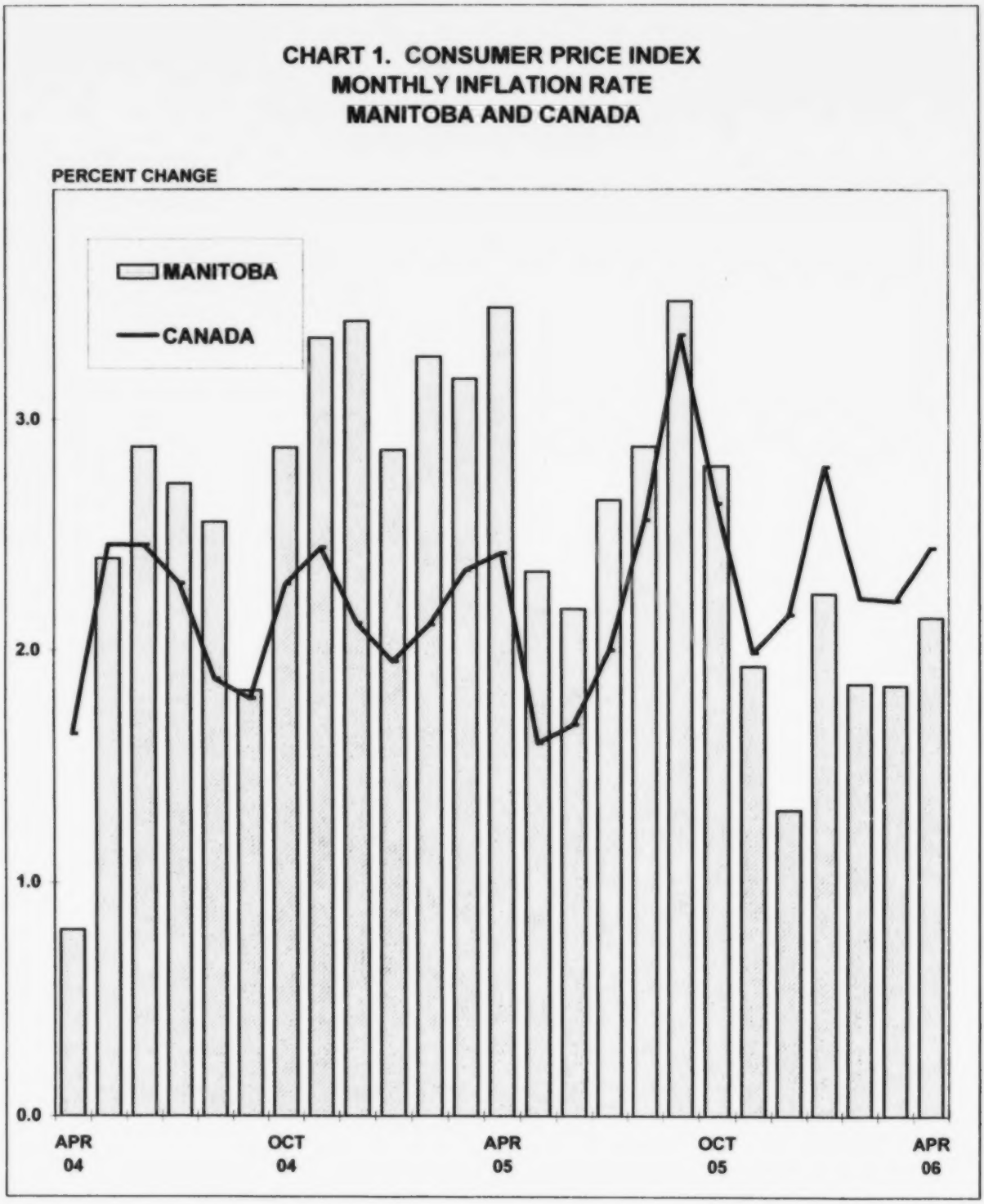

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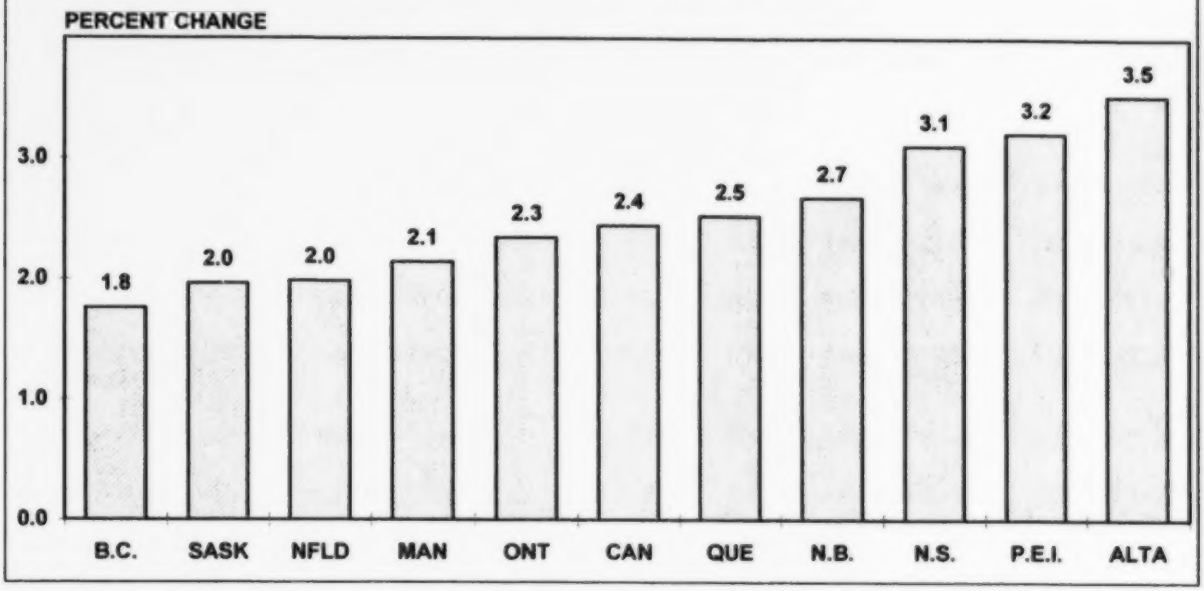

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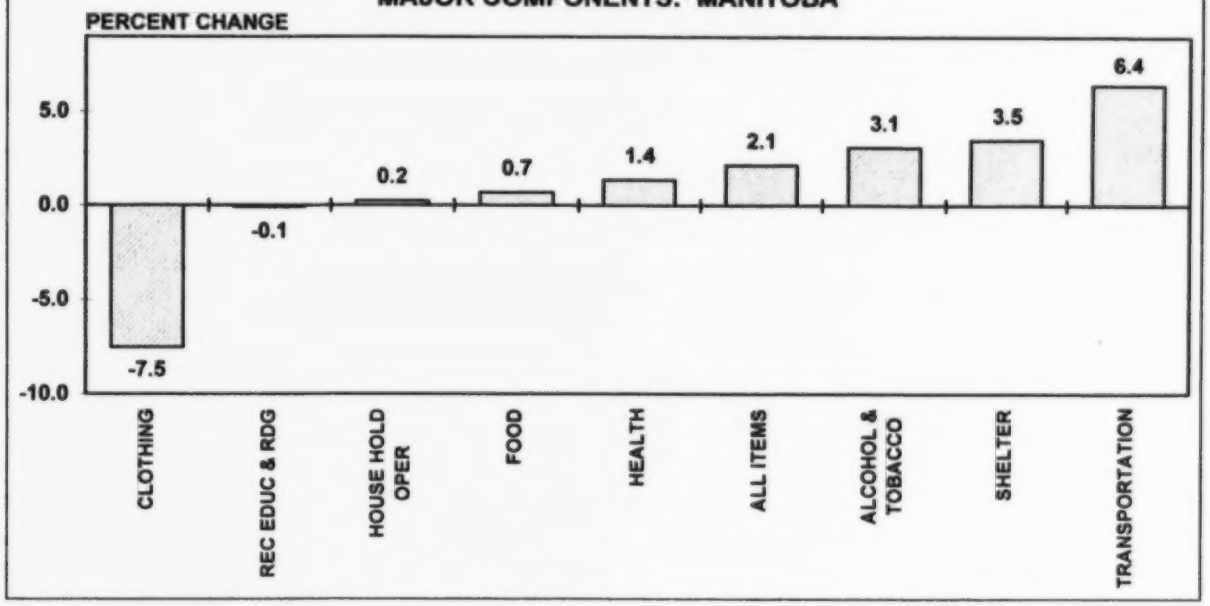

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TABLE 1: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR APRIL 2006

(1992 = 100)

	MANITOBA					CANADA				
	APR 06	MAR 06	PERCENT CHANGE	APR 05	PERCENT CHANGE	APR 06	MAR 06	PERCENT CHANGE	APR 05	PERCENT CHANGE
MAIN COMPONENTS:										
ALL ITEMS	133.6	132.4	0.9	130.8	2.1	130.0	129.3	0.5	126.9	2.4
FOOD	133.6	132.2	1.1	132.7	0.7	130.0	130.2	-0.2	128.3	1.3
SHELTER	130.4	129.6	0.6	126.0	3.5	127.7	127.3	0.3	123.4	3.5
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	124.1	124.2	-0.1	123.8	0.2	116.4	116.5	-0.1	115.5	0.8
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	109.3	113.6	-3.8	118.2	-7.5	100.8	103.3	-2.4	102.9	-2.0
TRANSPORTATION	156.0	151.3	3.1	146.6	6.4	158.5	153.5	3.3	149.5	6.0
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	127.4	127.4	0.0	125.7	1.4	122.3	121.9	0.3	120.9	1.2
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	125.4	124.8	0.5	125.5	-0.1	126.6	126.6	0.0	126.8	-0.2
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	156.4	155.8	0.4	151.7	3.1	150.7	150.2	0.3	146.5	2.9
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:										
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD	133.6	132.5	0.8	130.4	2.5	130.1	129.1	0.8	126.7	2.7
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD AND ENERGY	128.8	128.8	0.0	127.1	1.3	125.2	125.2	0.0	123.2	1.6
ENERGY	179.8	167.9	7.1	162.2	10.9	180.1	168.5	6.9	161.9	11.2
GOODS	130.2	128.8	1.1	127.9	1.8	125.1	124.1	0.8	122.2	2.4
SERVICES	137.2	136.4	0.6	134.0	2.4	135.5	135.0	0.4	132.1	2.6

DATA SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA

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TABLE 2: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR APRIL 2006

(1992 = 100)

	ALL ITEMS					FOOD				
	APR 06	MAR 06	PERCENT CHANGE	APR 05	PERCENT CHANGE	APR 06	MAR 06	PERCENT CHANGE	APR 05	PERCENT CHANGE
MANITOBA	133.6	132.4	0.9	130.8	2.1	133.6	132.2	1.1	132.7	0.7
WESTERN PROVINCES										
SASKATCHEWAN	135.1	133.8	1.0	132.5	2.0	125.0	123.8	1.0	126.9	-1.5
ALBERTA	138.3	137.0	0.9	133.6	3.5	126.9	127.0	-0.1	125.7	1.0
BRITISH COLUMBIA	127.1	126.3	0.6	124.9	1.8	126.8	126.6	0.2	125.8	0.8
EASTERN PROVINCES										
ONTARIO	131.0	130.7	0.2	128.0	2.3	131.4	131.7	-0.2	129.4	1.5
QUEBEC	126.0	125.2	0.6	122.9	2.5	133.0	133.4	-0.3	130.3	2.1
MARITIME PROVINCES										
NEW BRUNSWICK	130.5	129.4	0.9	127.1	2.7	128.8	130.2	-1.1	126.7	1.7
NOVA SCOTIA	132.9	131.3	1.2	128.9	3.1	131.0	131.2	-0.2	129.1	1.5
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	131.9	129.9	1.5	127.8	3.2	128.3	128.2	0.1	126.0	1.8
NEWFOUNDLAND/LABRADOR	128.5	127.4	0.9	126.0	2.0	123.9	125.7	-1.4	123.7	0.2
* MANITOBA RANK			6		4			10		3

DATA SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA

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* Ranking is done in ascending order from the lowest to the highest

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TABLE 3: PERCENT CHANGE COMPARISONS, MANITOBA AND CANADA

(AS OF APRIL 2006)

	(1) CHANGE FROM SAME MONTH LAST YEAR		(2) CURRENT ANNUAL RATE OF CHANGE		(3) 12 - MONTH ANNUAL RATE	
MAIN COMPONENTS	MANITOBA	CANADA	MANITOBA	CANADA	MANITOBA	CANADA
ALL ITEMS	2.1	2.4	4.6	3.8	2.3	2.3
FOOD	0.7	1.3	1.2	-1.2	1.7	2.3
SHELTER	3.5	3.5	3.8	1.6	3.7	3.3
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	0.2	0.8	-1.0	0.0	0.9	0.7
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	-7.5	-2.0	-6.7	7.5	-1.9	-0.9
TRANSPORTATION	6.4	6.0	13.9	11.6	4.9	4.3
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	1.4	1.2	1.3	3.3	2.0	1.8
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	-0.1	-0.2	4.9	4.5	-0.5	-0.3
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	3.1	2.9	6.1	6.6	1.8	2.5
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:						
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD	2.5	2.7	5.3	4.7	2.4	2.3
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD AND ENERGY	1.3	1.6	1.6	2.9	1.4	1.4
ENERGY	10.9	11.2	34.7	20.5	10.9	10.2
GOODS	1.8	2.4	5.1	2.9	2.3	2.4
SERVICES	2.4	2.6	3.6	4.2	2.3	2.2

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NOTE: THERE ARE SEVERAL WAYS TO MEASURE THE ANNUAL PERCENT CHANGE OF THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS THE INFLATION RATE. THE ABOVE TABLE PRESENTS THREE DIFFERENT METHODS:

(1) THE MOST COMMONLY USED METHOD OF REPORTING THE INFLATION RATE, BASED ON PERCENT CHANGE FROM THE SAME MONTH ONE YEAR AGO.

(2) PROVIDES A MEASURE OF THE CURRENT ANNUAL RATE OF INFLATION. THE GROWTH RATE OVER THE PRECEEDING THREE MONTHS IS CALCULATED AND THEN COMPOUNDED AT AN ANNUAL RATE. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THESE CALCULATIONS HAVE NOT BEEN SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED.

(3) COMPARES THE AVERAGE OF THE 12 MONTHS ENDING THIS MONTH WITH THE AVERAGE OF THE 12 MONTHS ENDING ONE YEAR EARLIER.

TABLE 4: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR APRIL 2006: ALL ITEMS

(1992 = 100)

	APR 06	MAR 06	PERCENT CHANGE	(1) CHANGE FROM SAME MONTH LAST YEAR	(2) 12 - MONTH ANNUAL RATE
WINNIPEG	133.6	132.5	0.8	2.1	2.3
WESTERN CITIES					
REGINA	135.7	134.7	0.7	1.9	1.8
SASKATOON	134.4	133.0	1.1	2.1	2.0
CALGARY	139.6	137.8	1.3	3.9	2.7
EDMONTON	135.8	134.8	0.7	3.2	2.5
VANCOUVER	127.6	126.8	0.6	1.8	1.7
VICTORIA	127.3	126.4	0.7	1.8	2.0
EASTERN CITIES					
THUNDER BAY	128.1	127.7	0.3	2.1	1.8
TORONTO	131.1	130.8	0.2	2.3	2.1
OTTAWA	132.8	132.3	0.4	2.4	2.3
MONTREAL	125.9	125.2	0.6	2.5	2.3
QUEBEC	126.7	125.9	0.6	2.6	2.3
MARITIME CITIES					
SAINT JOHN, N.B.	130.1	129.0	0.9	2.8	2.5
HALIFAX	131.2	129.7	1.2	3.0	2.5
CHARLOTTETOWN	130.5	128.7	1.4	3.1	3.1
ST. JOHN'S, NFLD	128.1	126.9	0.9	1.9	2.2
* WINNIPEG RANK (OUT OF 16 CITIES)			10	7	8

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* Ranking is done in ascending order from the lowest to the highest

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NOTE: THERE ARE SEVERAL WAYS TO MEASURE THE ANNUAL PERCENT CHANGE OF THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS THE INFLATION RATE. THE ABOVE TABLE PRESENTS TWO DIFFERENT METHODS:

(1) THE MOST COMMONLY USED METHOD OF REPORTING THE INFLATION RATE, BASED ON PERCENT CHANGE FROM THE SAME MONTH ONE YEAR AGO.

(2) COMPARES THE AVERAGE OF THE 12 MONTHS ENDING THIS MONTH WITH THE AVERAGE OF THE 12 MONTHS ENDING ONE YEAR EARLIER.

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